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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
10 Plaintiff,)
11 v.) 2:09-CV-1697-RLH (LRL)
12 \$22,038.49 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY;)
\$5,664.61 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY;)
13 and \$2,078.12 IN UNITED STATES)
CURRENCY,)
14 Defendants.)

15 **UNITED STATES' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO**
16 **CONTINUE THE DATE TO FILE ITS COMPLAINT FOR**
FORFEITURE IN REM IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER
17 **(Eighth Request)**

18 The United States of America ("United States"), by and through Daniel G. Bogden, United
19 States Attorney for the District of Nevada and Michael A. Humphreys, Assistant United States
20 Attorney, respectfully moves this Court to grant an extension of time, until and including December
21 5, 2011, to allow the United States to file its forfeiture complaint against the following allotments
22 of seized cash:

23 - \$22,038.49 in United States Currency;
24 - \$5,664.61 in United States Currency; and
25 - \$2,078.12 in United States Currency.

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1 The Government's Complaint is currently due August 5, 2011. Claimant, Theo Spyer,
2 through his counsel, Lawrence J. Semenza, consents to this motion. Theo Spyer and numerous of
3 his associates have been the focus of a historical state/federal criminal investigation into their
4 activities of alleged unlawful gaming activities in Nevada and elsewhere. Generally speaking, the
5 Government has developed information that Spyer and others were operating an illegal book-making
6 operation from approximately December, 2008, through approximately April, 2009, all in violation
7 of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1084 and other federal anti-gambling statutes. A principal
8 situs of that illegal operation was Las Vegas, Nevada.

9 Spyer is recently aware of that investigation, and, with his counsel, has been engaged in plea
10 negotiations with the Government in an endeavor to complete a universal disposition. Those
11 negotiations continue. In the meantime, the Government has a deadline, under the strictures of
12 Title 18, United States Code, Section 983 (a)(3)(A), to file its forfeiture complaint, regarding the
13 above-captioned allotments of currency, no later than August 5, 2011.

14 The afore-referenced plea negotiations will not be complete by the time the Government is
15 required to file its complaint.

16 The Government, herewith, petitions this Court to extend the time for the Government to file
17 its civil complaint in the above-captioned matter, to facilitate a possible, if not likely, universal plea
18 disposition.

19 Under Title 18, United States Code, Section 983(a)(3)(A), which states:

20 [T]he Government shall file a complaint for forfeiture in the manner
21 set forth in the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and
22 Maritime Claims . . . , a court in the district in which a complaint will
23 be filed may extend the period for filing a complaint for good cause
24 shown or *upon agreement of the parties*. (emphasis added)

25 A district court has the authority under Section 983(a)(3)(A) to extend the period for filing
26 a Civil Complaint For Forfeiture In Rem.

25 On July 29, 2011, Spyer's counsel, Lawrence Semenza, agreed to the extension of time and
26 authorized counsel for the United States to file this unopposed motion with this Court. Because the

1 parties have agreed that the Government should be allowed an extension of time to file its *In Rem*
2 Complaint, the Government respectfully ask this Court to grant its motion.

3 This motion is not submitted solely for the purpose of delay or for any other improper
4 purpose.

5 WHEREFORE, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 983(a)(3)(A), the United
6 States moves this Court to grant its motion to extend the time for the United States to file its civil
7 complaint in the above-captioned matter for an additional 120 days, or until December 5, 2011.

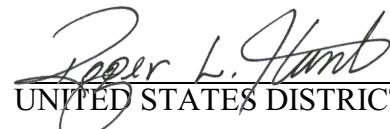
8 DATED this 1st day of August, 2011.

9 Respectfully submitted,

10 DANIEL G. BOGDEN
11 United States Attorney

12 /s/Michael A. Humphreys
13 MICHAEL A. HUMPHREYS
14 Assistant United States Attorney

16 IT IS SO ORDERED:

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18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
19 DATED: August 2, 2011

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Elizabeth A. Baechler-Warren, Forfeiture Support Associate Paralegal, certify that the following individual was served with a copy of the **UNITED STATES' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE THE DATE TO FILE ITS COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE IN REM IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER (Eighth Request)** on August 1, 2011 by the below identified method of service:

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